

well and the river, and a whole variety of situations. As I understand...from what I can understand of Senator Dierks' amendment, that particular amendment addresses itself to one situation, but the bill says that you can look at that situation and you can deal with it as we have allowed NRDs to deal with all of the particular...peculiarities of a particular situation. They can deal with it in accordance with what makes sense in their particular area. That's why we say that they may establish different provisions for different hydrologic relationships, and this is just one kind of hydrologic relationship between ground water and surface water. So the situation is covered by subsection (6)(a) on page 33 and I think that to put this in in another section would simply confuse the language of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Elmer still in the room?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Elmer?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Elmer, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, sir, to the best of my ability.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Elmer, if Republican River is a 90 percent runoff-fed river, is that right?

SENATOR ELMER: I really don't know the percentage of spring-fed...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Excuse me. Excuse me, Senator Elmer. I don't know about the rest of you, but there's too much floor conversation. I don't think we can hear those that are speaking, and if you want me to use the hammer I may leave the bench and walk around the floor and use it.

SENATOR ELMER: I would encourage that, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Continue, Senator Elmer.